

**WSDOT CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION**

**BRIEFING PAPER**

Prepared for the

February 2005 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

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**PURPOSE:**

To bring the Transportation Commission up-to-date on the status of WSDOT's planning efforts to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

**ACTION/OUTCOME:**

To inform and to recommend the Commission's action on a proposed resolution marking this event in our history.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Washington State Department of Transportation will celebrate its 100th anniversary in March. Preparations have been underway for over a year in developing a kick-off event scheduled for March 15, 2005 in the Columbia Room of the Capitol Building in Olympia. It is anticipated that there will be similar celebratory activities in each of the department's six geographic regions throughout the year.

Other items planned to mark this milestone include a book entitled *Moving Washington: A Timeline, Chronicling the First Century of the Washington State Department of Transportation, 1905-2004* written by Walt Crowley, Kit Oldham & The Historylink Staff. The book will be available to the public in April through Historylink. There will also be a traveling exhibit that will make its way around the state throughout the year. Our debut of this exhibit will be open to the public on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 in the Columbia Room of the newly refurbished legislative building between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission approve the resolution declaring 2005 as WSDOT's centennial year.

For more information, contact Paula Hammond, Chief of Staff at 360-705-7027, or Deb Gregory at 360-705-7806.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Washington Highway Board was formally established on March 13, 1905 when Governor Albert Mead enacted legislation creating the office of Highway Commissioner and a 3-member State Highway Board; and

WHEREAS, the first meeting of the newly created three-member highway board took place April 17, 1905, where the board developed a biennial program and apportioned funds to construct 12 state roads; and

WHEREAS, many changes have occurred in transportation over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the many men and women who have helped shape the system of highways, roads, bridges, tunnels and ferries that we all enjoy today; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission does hereby extend its congratulations on this important milestone in reaching 100 years and looks forward with great excitement on what the next 100 years of transportation will bring to the citizens of our great state.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2005.

*WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION*

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